

**Coordinating Chesapeake Bay Program and Federal Leadership Committee Goals,
Outcomes, and Actions
Workplan
9/5/12 DRAFT FOR MANAGEMENT BOARD DISCUSSION**

Purpose:

- Evaluate C2K and streamlining of commitments
- Ensure a set of shared priorities that fully represents the interests of the Partnership including consideration of emerging issues(e.g., climate change)
- Clarify governance (roles, organization, operations)
- Design efficient operational structure for collaboration
- Enable effective communication of Partnership's refreshed goals, outcomes and accomplishments

Background

- The Chesapeake Bay Program's Executive Council and the Federal Leadership Committee for the Chesapeake Bay have called for coordinating and, where appropriate, integrating the goals, outcomes, and actions of the Chesapeake Bay Program with the goals, outcomes and actions described in the Executive Order (EO) Strategy. On July 11, 2011 the EC agreed to use a four stage process as the path forward. That process is described in "[Coordinating Chesapeake Bay Program and Federal Leadership Committee Goals, Outcomes and Action.](#)"
- Four Stage Process
 - Stage 1: Using Goal Implementation Teams to set direction (in progress)
 - Stage 2: Develop negotiation protocols (2012 following completion of Phase II WIPs)
 - Stage 3: Negotiate a new agreement (if decided during Stage 2 and would be presented at 2013 EC meeting)
 - Stage 4: Implement the new agreement (2013 – 2025)

Goal and Outcome Setting

1. Develop the Adaptive Management Decision Support Framework (See Stage 1) – **Complete**
2. GITs will use the CBP [Decision Support Framework](#) for at least one of their goals by March 31, 2012 – (GIT Chairs meeting December 2011 and Stage 1) – **Complete**
3. Remaining GIT Goals will go through the Decision Support Framework (Stage 1 and June 2012 MB meeting) – **End of CY 2012**
4. Management Board will discuss the full array of goals articulated by the GITs to provide feedback to the GITs early and often (MB meeting June 2012 and Stage 1) – **Ongoing beginning with August and September 2012 MB meetings to begin discussion**
5. Advisory Committees will provide advice on the goals developed by the GITs at the MB and PSC as appropriate (Stage 1) – **Sept. 2012 MB and Oct. 2012 PSC**
6. PSC or an action team as determined in the development of the protocol in Stage 2 (see step 3 below) will review goals developed by GITs, review advice from MB and advisory committees, assess commitments made by the EC through agreements, directives, etc., and determine if

“negotiating a new agreement would provide added value to the future direction of the partnership”¹ – **March/April 2013 retreat**

7. Depending on decision of the group in step 6, EC would announce any adoption of goals/new agreement (Stage 3) – **2013 EC meeting**

Governance

1. Develop a survey using SurveyMonkey for the MB, based on existing roles and responsibilities in the [CBP Governance Document](#) to initiate “discussions on necessary changes to the structure, operational functions and membership of the MB” (Stage 1 and Governance Document) – **Complete August 2012**
2. GIT 6 will analyze results and present options to the GIT chairs (**September 20, 2012**) for input, to the Management Board (**October 2012 meeting**) for recommendations and to the PSC (**October 2012 meeting**) for any action.
3. GIT 6 will develop a draft protocol² for “including federal, state, and local partners in the development of the new Agreement” (**October 2012**), for Management Board recommendation to the PSC (**November 2012 MB meeting**), and to PSC (**January/February 2013 meeting**) for approval. [Note: The Federal Leadership Committee Designees (FLC-D) would attend the Jan./Feb. 2013 PSC meeting as representatives of their agencies since this exercise is addressing how to coordinate EO goals and the CBP goals]
4. The CBP will use the protocol to determine the goals and outcomes of the CBP, whether a new agreement will be needed or, if not, how commitments will be “codified.” (**Retreat of decision-making body identified by protocol in March/April 2013**)
5. GIT 6 will develop a draft process that will allow the CBP to “revisit the governance and operations of the Chesapeake Bay Program and Partnership . . . to clarify relationships between previous agreement signatories, other federal agencies, and headwater states, and to formalize the role and relationships with the FLC . . .” (Stage 3) – **November-December 2012**
6. MB (**at December or January 2013 MB meeting**) will consider recommending this draft protocol to PSC for approval. (**at Jan/Feb meeting 2013**)
7. Using approved process, recommendations on governance changes called for in Stage 3 will be developed for consideration. (**Retreat of decision-making body identified in protocol March/April 2013**)
8. EC and FLC approve changes to governance. (**2013 EC meeting**)

¹ GAO recommended in 2005 that the CBP “develop a comprehensive, coordinated implementation strategy that takes into account available resources”, determined that the Chesapeake Action Plan developed and presented to Congress in July 2008 was a good start but not done, and recommended in 2011 that “EPA work with federal and state stakeholders to develop common goals and clarify plans for assessing progress” so if a new agreement is not called for, the CBP should determine steps to address fully this recommendation

² The draft protocol should address both who will be represented on any decision-making body (e.g. federal state and local partners) and how decisions will be made (e.g. delegations, votes, etc)